

# H. R. 267.

JANUARY 12, 1825.

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House  
to-morrow.

## A BILL

*In addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the Ordinances  
and Acts of Congress for the Government of the Territory of  
Michigan, and for other purposes."*

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3   the Governor and Legislative Council of the Territory of  
4   Michigan be, and they are hereby, authorized to divide the  
5   said Territory into Townships, and incorporate the same, or  
6   any part thereof; to grant, define, and regulate the privi-  
7   leges thereof; and to provide by law for the election of all  
8   such township and corporation officers as may be designated  
9   within the same.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That all county*  
2   officers within said territory, shall be hereafter elected by the  
3   qualified electors residing in each county, at such time and  
4   place, and in such manner, as the said Governor and Legisla-  
5   tive Council may, from time to time, direct: *Provided, That*  
6   nothing in this section contained, shall authorize the electors

7 aforesaid, to elect any judge of any court of record, or clerk  
 8 thereof, or any sheriff, or judge of probate, or justice of the  
 9 peace. And that so much of the ordinance of Congress, pass-  
 10 ed July the thirteenth, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven,  
 11 and of the laws of the United States, as are inconsistent with  
 12 the provisions of this section, and as regard the Michigan  
 13 Territory, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Governor of  
 2 the said territory shall nominate, and, by and with the ad-  
 3 vice and consent of the said Legislative Council, shall ap-  
 4 point, all other civil officers in said territory, except such as  
 5 are appointed by the President of the United States, by and  
 6 with the advice and consent of the Senate of the same. And  
 7 the Governor of the said territory shall have power to fill all  
 8 vacancies in the offices required to be nominated by him,  
 9 which may happen during the recess of said Legislative  
 10 Council, by granting commissions which shall expire at the  
 11 end of their next session.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the qualified  
 2 electors of said territory shall, at their next, and every subse-  
 3 quent election for members of their Legislative Council,  
 4 choose, by ballot, eight persons, having the qualifications of  
 5 electors, in addition to the number now by law authorized ;  
 6 and the names of the twenty-six persons, so elected, shall be  
 7 transmitted by the Governor of said territory, to the Presi-

8 dent of the United States, immediately after said election,  
9 who shall nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent  
10 of the Senate of the United States, appoint, therefrom, thirteen  
11 persons ; which said thirteen persons shall compose the  
12 Legislative Council, any nine of whom shall form a quorum  
13 to transact business ; and all vacancies occurring in said  
14 Council, shall be filled, in the same manner, from the list  
15 transmitted as aforesaid. The members of the said Legisla-  
16 tive Council shall receive three dollars each per day, during  
17 their attendance at the sessions thereof, and three dollars for  
18 every twenty miles in going to, and returning therefrom, in  
19 full compensation for their services ; which shall be paid  
20 by the United States.

1       SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That appeals and writs of  
2 error shall lie, from the decision of the highest judicial tribunal  
3 of said territory, to the Supreme Court of the United States, in  
4 the same manner, and under the same regulations, as they do  
5 lie, and are taken from the Circuit Courts of the United  
6 States, where the amount in controversy shall exceed one  
7 thousand dollars, which shall be ascertained by evidence sa-  
8 tisfactory to the court or judge allowing the appeal or writ  
9 of error.

1       SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That not less than  
2 two Judges of the Supreme or Superior Court of said territo-

3 ry, shall hereafter hold a court to transact the business of  
4 said court.

1       SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of any  
2 ordinance or law of the United States, which contravenes the  
3 provisions of this act, so far as respects the territory of Michi-  
4 gan, be, and the same is hereby repealed.